

COMMON SNAKES, SCORPIONS AND SPIDERS OF BERGPLAAS NATURE RESERVE



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite/sting, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Plain Mountain Adder
(*Bitis inornata*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*) - photo Luke Kemp



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*) - photo Luke Kemp



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*) - photo Luke Kemp



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Alopecion guttatum*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*) - photo Luke Kemp



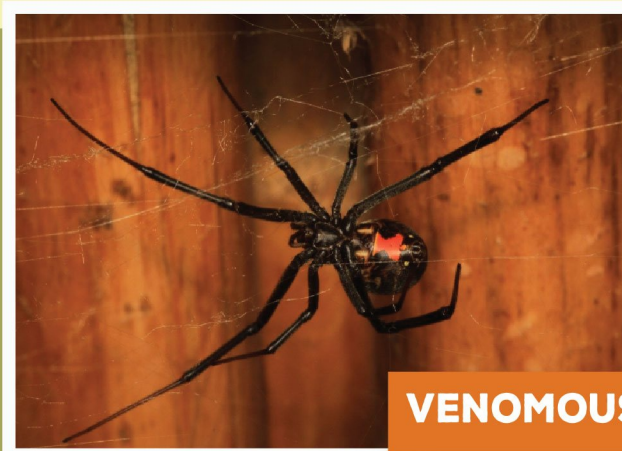
VENOMOUS

Drab Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus planicauda*) - photo Luke Kemp



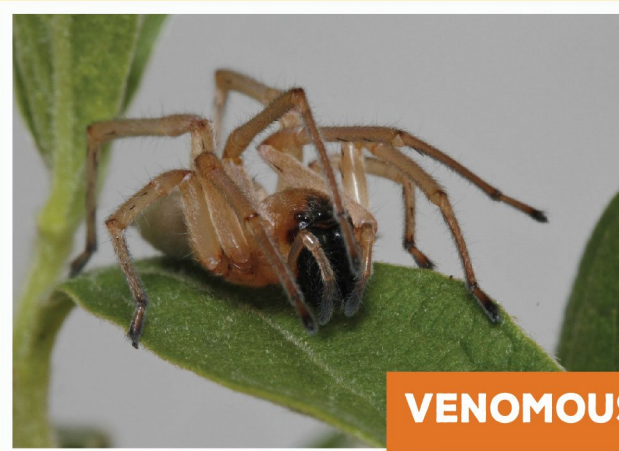
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Highveld Lesser-thicktail Scorpion
(*Uroplectes triangulifer*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

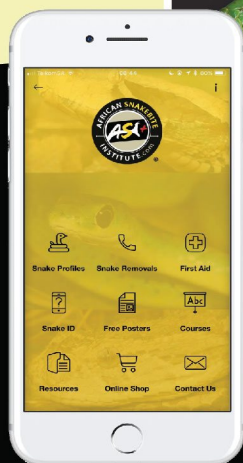
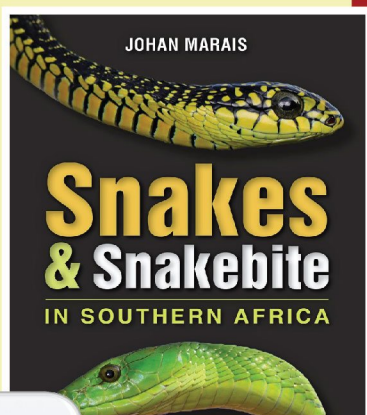
Brown Button Spider
(*Latrodectus geometricus*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Sac Spider
(*Cheiracanthium sp.*) - photo Ashley Kemp

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly. Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.

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